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Serial No.: 10/788,622  
Filed: February 27, 2004  
Art Unit: 1714  
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Any copy of the items listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 that is not enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement was previously cited by or submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office in Application Serial No. [Ser. No.], filed [Date], of which the present application relies upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120.

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- ☐ Within three months of the filing date of a national application;
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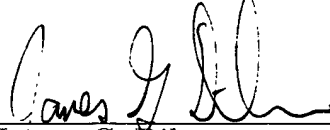
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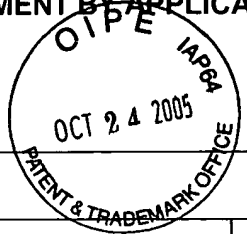
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### FOREIGN PATENT OR PUBLISHED FOREIGN PATENT APPLICATION

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### OTHER DOCUMENTS

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